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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the Office Action of October 30, 2008, relating to the above-identified application.

Applicants note that a number of the rejections have been withdrawn.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of Claims 1, 6, 7, 17 and 18 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 2, 8, 9 and 14-16 of co-pending application no. 10/522,903.

In response, applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer signed by undersigned counsel.

It is noted that Claims 4, 5, 11, 12, 14-16, 19 and 20 are indicated as being allowable.

In view of the filing of the terminal disclaimer, it is believed that the application is now in immediate condition for allowance and therefore favorable action at the Examiner's earliest convenience is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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